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Dear Jim,

It seems that none of you has thought what Cyril is up to through. It is another potential disaster. That you, with your greater interest in and understanding of things political have not surprises me. I did not want to discuss this in front of Larry or, for that matter, Bob, who did not react when I told him I had not been given a copy of the revised Boggs memo.

I have know of this for some time. It seems that almost the only person who has not told me is Cyril. Maybe Bud hasn't, either.

We have no need for ebemies. We provide our own.

Although I have often and repeatedly and publicly disowned the role of fireman, the potential of t is is so frightening I spent the morning on it. I did not expect to be able to. I merely started, hoping to get as much done as I could. The assistant U.S. atty from Baltomore was gue here forst thing, to spend the entire day. In midOmorning he phoned to say he coukdn't make it. This represent a distinct imporvement in that he has never before ever phoned to say he couldn't or wouldn't.

So, were I to take comfort, I suppose I could say there is some progress?

Right now what seems to me most improbable is that we can survive ourselves.

Lil has completed the retyping of the new last part of PM. I will come to DC this coming week, perhaps before you can get this, to get it xeroxed, when I have enough gas and enough money to pay for it - if I do.

I have also completed the reading of the earlier parts and cut a bit, changed a bit. Exfept in terms of the time it will take to correct the master set, it is not extensive. I've indicated the essence to you.

Having seen or heard nothing of Jackson, I presume there has as yet been nothing. If it is negative, the prospects of the unfledged considering full feather is, I think, more likely.

I did not intend to hint above about the Boggs memo. That immediate hazard being past and the publication being beyond recall, except as a matter of file completness I have no interest in it, except as a reflection of the refusal of the omniscient to deign to think, that has not been news to me for so long. I can always get it elsewhere if I want it. But have you asked yourself if this, too, is not another facet of the survival problem? It is at this moment neither material nor of any interest to me, for it has happened often and we are doomed to its repetition, but you will find, when you know enough, that everything I told you is true. The cost to me in taking the time to tell you has been enormous. I'll never again make such a sacrifice.

I'm sorry you didn't phone to tell me of the xeroxing situation, for I am reluctant to phone you reverse except when I consider it important.

If I seem more than usually depressed, I am. In addition to all the stupidities I have to dig up a hat and hold it in hand when I go to the bank. I'd have been there first think t is a.m. if the federal fink had not been due. Now I'll have to do it tonight, when they are open.